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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"If there are no definite proposals, may I know whether there is anything being investigated with regard to this matter?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether, in view of the recent researches in food nutrition, the Government will be pleased to consider proposals for the modification of the diet given to the prisoners?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"The question was considered at the time when there were a large number of political prisoners in jails; there are no political prisoners at present. Moreover it is a question of cost."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether buttermilk is a luxury and if so, whether it will be taxed?"

Control of Newspapers and Printing Presses

Deposit and forfeiture of securities by newspapers and periodicals in the Presidency since 1931 *pursuant to the operation of the Press Act.*

* 402 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to the working of the Press Act in this Presidency since 1931—

(*a*) the number of the newspapers and other periodicals that were called to furnish security under the Press Act;

(*b*) the number of newspapers and periodicals which furnished the security and the total amount so deposited; and

(*c*) whether any of the newspapers or periodicals had forfeited the security deposited; if so, their number and the total amount so forfeited?

A.—(*a*) Fifty-one. This figure includes demands under section 7 (1) of the Act by District Magistrates and the Chief Presidency Magistrate in respect of new periodicals or newspapers.

(*b*) Nineteen, and the total amount deposited, Rs. 18,200. The deposits have been returned except in four cases.

(*c*) Yes; in one case the Government ordered a sum of Rs. 500 to be forfeited. As the High Court set aside the forfeiture order the amount has since been refunded.

Deposit and forfeiture of securities by presses in the Presidency since 1931, *pursuant to the operation of the Press Act.*

* 403 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to the working of the Press Act in this Presidency since 1931—

(*a*) the number of presses that were called upon to deposit security, the number of presses which deposited the amount and the total amount so deposited; and

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(*b*) whether any presses forfeited their security; if so, their number and the total amount so forfeited?

A.—(*a*) Number of presses called upon to furnish security 33
Number of presses which deposited the amount. 20

Total amount deposited ... ... Rs. 17,275

The figure 33 includes all cases of demands made by District Magistrates and the Chief Presidency Magistrate, under section 3 (1) of the Act.

(*b*) There was no case of forfeiture.

Control of Vehicles

Measures to secure uniformity regarding the plying of buses for hire.

* 404 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to secure a uniform policy in all the districts on the subject of limiting the number of hire buses in each road, and ensuring the running of a sufficient number of hire buses for purposes of inter-district communication?

A.—The orders governing the issue of 'G' permits are to be found in G.O. No. 1741, Law (General), dated 7th June 1934, a copy of which is to be found in the Legislative Council Library. These orders apply to all districts equally. No specific or separate orders have been issued with respect to buses running between two or more districts.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know if the Government are aware that there is much dissatisfaction among bus-owners as the Government are not adopting any uniform policy in this matter?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"The Government are not aware of the dissatisfaction."

General

Legislative proposals to restrict the growth of and trade in chillies.

* 405 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals to introduce any legislation for restricting the growth of, or trading in, chillies to those that have taken licences for such purposes from the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what the details of the proposals are and when they are likely to come in and at what stage they are now?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.